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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: BERLIN-LONDON-PARIS CHARTER TALKS CALLED OFF BY BRITISH

- 1. EMBASSY CALLED DECEMBER 13 BY UK CAA HANLEY WHO SAID HMG REGRETS IT "WILL NOT BE READY" TO ATTEND THE DISCUSSIONS PLANNED FOR BONN DECEMBER 16 AND 17 ON CHARTER FLIGHTS BETWEEN BERLIN AND LONDON AND PARIS. THE REASON FOR THE DECISION TO POSTPONE THE TALKS WILL BE EXPLAINED TO EMBASSY LONDON. HMG WILL PROPOSE NEW DATES EARLY NEXT YEAR. HANLEY SAID DEPARTMENT INFORMED BY THE UK EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON AND THAT MICHAEL STYLES WOULD BE TOLD BY THE DOT IN LONDON.
- 2. HANLEY SAID THE POSTPONEMENT WAS A RESULT OF THE PERSISTING DIFFERENCES IN VIEW BETWEEN THE FCO WHICH MAINTAINS THAT BERLIN AVIATION IS A UNIQUE SITUATION NOT TO BE CONSIDERED BY NORMAL COMMERCIAL CRITERIA ALONE AND THE DOT INSISTENCE THAT AVIATION IN BERLIN IS SUBJECT TO THE SAME RULES AND CONSIDERATIONS AS ELSEWHERE. THE STRUGGLE OVER WHO WOULD LEAD THE UK DELEGATION TO THE TALKS (WHICH WAS STILL UNSETTLED AS OF DECEMBER 10) IS PART OF THIS OVER-ALL DIFFERENCE. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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3. WE UNDERSTAND JOHN KORNBLUM HAS ALREADY CANCELLED HIS TRAVEL TO GERMANY. PLEASE INFORM US WHETHER MICHAEL STYLES WILL ALSO CANCEL. STOESSEL

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